



# Australian Dental Council report of an evaluation of the University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery) Program

May 2018

## Summary report

Program provider	University of Sydney
Program/qualification name	Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery)
Program/qualification abbreviation	DClinDent(OS)
Program/qualification code	TCCLDORS1000
Head office address, including State	Faculty of Dentistry, Level 2, Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Westmead Hospital, Darcy Road, Westmead NSW 2145
Campus	Westmead, SDH, Nepean, RNSH, OBH, DDC
Program length	3 Years
Registration division	Specialist Dentist
Registration specialty	Oral Surgery
Qualification type	Master's Degree
Australian Qualifications Framework level	9
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	30 May 2018
Date of ADC decision	3 August 2018
Type of accreditation	Monitoring
Accreditation start date	1 January 2017
Accreditation end date	31 December 2021

## Background

The University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent) (Oral Surgery) program was first accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in 2016. The program was initially developed in 2012, but as there was no similar program in Australia, the University of Sydney implemented a staged approach by first offering the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Surgical Dentistry), which requires one year of full time study.

At the time of the review in 2016, it was determined that all standards were met and that the program be accredited for a period of five years without condition. A monitoring requirement was imposed by the ADC requiring that a visit be undertaken when the first cohort of students entered the final year of the program to ensure that the program was rolling out as intended and that it continues to meet the Accreditation Standards.

The first students enrolled in the DClinDent (Oral Surgery) program in 2017, with all these students having previously completed the equivalent of the first year of the program by completing the Graduate Diploma.

Graduates of the DClinDent (Oral Surgery) program will be eligible to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as specialists in oral surgery.

## Overview of evaluation

An ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) conducted a site visit on 30 May 2018 to the Nepean Centre for Oral Health. The SET also visited the Westmead Centre for Oral Health on 31 May 2018 to review the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry (Conscious Sedation and Pain Control) program, which is the subject of a separate report.

The SET reviewed the Sydney Dental School's 17 page self-review against Accreditation Standard 3 – Program of study and Standard 5 - Assessment, attached appendices and additional information requested following the SET's teleconferences of 9 April 2018 and 21 May 2018. As a monitoring requirement focused on the implementation of the program, the School was asked only to address Standards 3 and 5 in its submission.

During the visit the SET interviewed a range of individuals, including:

- The Head of Discipline
- The Course Convenor
- Permanent academic staff teaching into the program
- The Director of Oral Health Services, Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District (NBMLHD).

The SET toured the facilities at the Nepean Centre for Oral Health.

During the visit the SET was provided with additional information including copies of student log books and research information.

## Key findings

The University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery) program is rolling out as intended. The evidence gathered by the SET indicates that students are being provided the range and number of experiences to develop their knowledge and skills required. Students are well supported and appropriately supervised and the assessment processes in place are robust.

The program is well supported by the Local Health District and students are well supported by dedicated teaching staff.

Overall the program appears to be preparing students well for practice as specialists in oral surgery.

## ADC accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the site visit satisfies all monitoring requirements for the University of Sydney's Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (Oral Surgery) program and that accreditation is maintained until **31 December 2021**.